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Dear Interested Person,

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-2175 establishes in the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) the Behavioral Health Practitioners Loan Repayment Program (BHPLRP). This program will pay part of the education loans of a participating "behavioral health practitioner," as defined in A.R.S. § 36-2175(L).

According to A.R.S. § 36-2175, the ADHS must prescribe requirements, procedures, and loan repayment limits for the BHPLRP. For that purpose, the ADHS is making administrative rules and is establishing a BHPLRP Rules Committee of no more than 20 members. The Rules Committee meetings will begin in approximately February 2008 and will be held twice monthly for approximately three months.

To submit a name for BHPLRP Rules Committee membership, please submit the individual's name, organization, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address by Friday, December 7, 2007 to:

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The size of the BHPLRP Rules Committee is limited, and its membership must represent the groups within the behavioral health community. Therefore, the individual whose name you submit might not be asked to serve on the Rules Committee.

The BHPLRP rulemaking provides interested persons with opportunities for participation. See the ADHS discussion "Phases of Rulemaking" at http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/phases.htm. Visit the BHPLRP rulemaking website at http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/bhplrp.htm for information and periodic updates specific to this rulemaking. We look forward to your participation in the rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Victoria Navarra, Division of Compliance Chief

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